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Diamonds in a Volcano.

An interesting discovery from a geological view point has recently been made in the Witries Hook mountains in Natal. On the summit of an extinct volcano, near the edge of a lake, filling the former crater, soundings have established the presence of a sand layer containing small diamonds. It would be instructive to know whether these diamonds were there accidentally or whether the find is connected with a diamond field, for the said mountains are not situated in a district known to be diamantiferous.

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WILCOX AS A REPUBLICAN.

Robert Wilcox, ex-opera bouffon revolutionist, ex-annexationist, ex-monarchist, ex-restorationist, has evidently become an ex-Independent Home Rulist, and while his financial circumstances will undoubtedly be in a fat condition while caricatures of him have all ready been prohibited in the Advertiser.

Mr. Wilcox in his last speech at Wailuku said:

"Any of you desiring to affiliate with the Republican party may do so, for you must remember that was the party that gave you the most liberal franchise."

The somersault does not surprise those who know Wilcox, but there are those who will be surprised at hearing such a statement from the lips of the man who during the past weeks daily have told the Hawaiians that it was he, Wilcox, who virtually gave the liberal franchise we have in spite of Republicans and Democratic delegations from Hawaii.

While in Wailuku Mr. Wilcox, to the surprise of all the Independents there, took up his residence with John W. Kalua, one of the most rabid Republicans on Maui. Who Mr. Wilcox saw, or was "seen" by while under Kalua's roof we don't know, but he left Maui convinced that Samuel Parker is the strongest candidate for Delegate on Hawaii as well as on Maui and that on the latter island Henry P. Baldwin is a sure thing as senator.

The name of Baldwin makes us pause and think, because it strikes us that in Wilcox's sudden conversion to the Republican party we see the fine Italian hand (on a check) of Maui's sugar king, who is reported as having said that he will spend \$50,000 if necessary, to see the Republican party elected in the Hawaiian territory at this election.

Wilcox will not withdraw as a candidate for Delegate on the Independent ticket. Oh, no, the managers of the "honorable" Republican party here, know better than that. If Wilcox's name was scratched the fusion between the Independents and Democrats would be accomplished and the Prince elected by an overwhelming majority. Wilcox's duty is simply to work quietly among his lieutenants who probably will get a share of the bundle after election is over and then probably not, and tell his faithful followers that it is expedient that Samuel Parker shall be elected, and that he personally will be satisfied with fat territorial government billet, such as commander in chief (no, that office is extinct) well as prison inspector or High Sheriff of the territory.

Will the voters who now wear the badge of the Independent party allow Wilcox to steer them into the fold of the men who stole their country, into the missionary ranks which they stand pledged to fight to the better end. We think not, but at the same time they should ask Mr. Wilcox for an explanation of his sudden affiliation with the Republican party.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

It is about time that something is done to prevent the lives of people being exposed to the fatal shock of the "live" wire. Somebody is to blame, and who the somebody is should be found out at once. It is easy to place the blame on the rain, but if the wire system is in perfect order the rain will surely behave itself.

The superintendent of Public Works should order the never-to-come Rapid Transit Co. to either remove its rails from King street or he should see to it that the rails are properly covered. In their present exposed position they are a menace to every vehicle travelling on that street. Did the rails belong to the Pain company would there not have been an uproar by the authorities.

Lewers and Cooke's New Lumber yard, the old Gulick premises, in which for the present are the offices of THE INDEPENDENT was lustily bombarded yesterday from the Young Estate battery. Coral shells hurtled through the air, fell on the lumber piles, crashed through the trees, fell on the roof of buildings and reached within twenty feet of the Magoon brick building. There were many samples in the yard of the shot and shell, warm from the terrible force used. Strawn along King St. were many more. The moral of this Topic is that, without imputing blame to any one, THE INDEPENDENT desires to confirm by personal experience the statements of others that there is something wrong in the method of blasting adopted by the contractors. It may be that the explosive charge is too heavy, or it may be that there is almost dangerous carelessness amounting to criminality in the eyes of the law. Whatever may be the cause, it is to be hoped that more discretion may be used in the future, for Honolulu does not desire to become a Ladysmith at the hands of her friends, although they may be representatives of millionaires. We could give other instances of these explosive charges but we refrain after issuing this warning. It is a fortunate thing for the contractors that those plate glass windows were not crushed in for damages would have ensued.

As our next Legislature will probably be in the nature of a progressive and reform one, we respectfully call the attention of ambitious legislators to one much needed reform in connection with our over-crowded street cars. This is written not to punish Pain but in the public interest and to protect those who have paid for their seats and then probably have to vacate them in favor of the fair sex and stand for the greater part of an hour be they young or old, hale or sick. Then, too, the jaded animals ought to be considered. To assist the legislators we excerpt the following from the Argonaut's "Vanity Fair" selections:

"The overcrowded street-car nuisance is dealt with in a positive way in Hamburg, according to the statements of an American who recently returned from abroad. He says that in that city a man has to think twice before giving up his seat to a woman, as he may be put off the car for his politeness. The Hamburg trolley cars, it is stated, will seat, according to size, twenty or twenty-eight persons—ten to fourteen on each side. In addition, four persons are allowed on the front and five on the rear platform. When the car is full the conductor hangs out a sign "Bsetz," which means "occupied." The conductor is forbidden to take on another passenger until some one leaves the car. Sometimes, while the conductor is in front collecting fares, a woman will step on a car which is already filled. As there is no conductor on hand to prevent her, the woman goes inside, and any man who offers her a seat steps out to the platform. When

the conductor returns to his post on the rear platform, he asks the man to leave the car, the reason being that, the car being "occupied," he has forfeited his seat. If the man refuses to leave, he is put off. The policeman on the streets are instructed to watch the cars, and if they find that a conductor carries even one more than the proper number, the conductor is fined seventy-two cents, which amount goes to a charity fund of the street-car company.

Lieut. E. B. Thomas Departs.

"Ted" Thomas leaves to-day by the O. S. S. Queen after a long and interesting career in this country. He has assisted in making his story here and now proposes, after a three months' sojourn in his native city of Liverpool and placing his bright little seven-year old daughter at school, to proceed to South Africa to show his skill as a master in his profession and if necessary to aid in assisting the Anglo-political development of the country.

E. B. Thomas was Lieutenant of Co. A of the old and famous Honolulu Rifles, and was also one of the Citizens' Committee of Thirteen to demand from King Kalakaua the revision of the Constitution of 1887, which resulted in the adoption of the new Constitution, the downfall of Premier Gibson and the appointment of Mr. Godfrey Broyn as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Thomas, during the days of his prosperity was ever active in politics and was one of the leaders of the National Reform Party but never succeeded in his ambition to attain legislative honors. Misfortunes, enough to discourage most men, fell to the lot of the man who in the monarchical days had constructed many, if not most, of our solid public and private buildings at a cost of over a million dollars.

The climax came in 1895 when owing to his honesty and frankness of speech he was arrested as a "suspect" concerned in the bogus Wilcox revolution emanating, as it is said, from the intrigues behind the

Government of the day. He remained in jail for 58 days and was released without trial, obstinate and truthful to the end. He is one of the claimants against the feudal and oligarchical government and endorsed by the British Government.

Like the fabled Phoenix "Ted" rose from his ashes and now by pluck, industry and integrity has again builded and has a competency which will enable him to fight the battle of life under more favorable conditions than now exist. May God speed him and his child. Should personal or business friends desire to write to E. B. Thomas, his address will for some time be 18, Hale Road, Walton, Liverpool, Lancashire, England.

The Deadly Wire.

The chief baker of the New England bakery, Hotel, was instantly killed early this morning by coming in contact with a "live" wire in the bakery.

The wire connecting a torch used for lighting the interior of the oven was poorly insulated, and while lighting the torch the arm of the man touched the exposed wire and came to his death.

The deceased was a Pole, and had acted as interpreter in the Polish language in the Courts. His name was Samuel Johanowitz. An inquest will be held this afternoon, when the superintendents of the electric companies will be requested to give evidence.

A live wires were making a pyrotechnical display at Miller street and at the Waikahalulu bridge last evening, fortunately without any accidents happening.

Buy a Boat.

A gentleman was charged this morning with riding a bicycle on the sidewalk outside Thomas Square. The judge said that when he, in the morning comes to town from Waikiki he notices numerous gentlemen riding on the sidewalk and considering the condition of the roads he really couldn't blame them. However, the law was there, and, in reprimanding defendant, the magistrate suggested to him to give his wheel a rest and buy or hire a boat for the next two months.

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The Amateur Orchestra rehearses this evening at the Y. M. C. A's hall.

The young men's Republican club hold a mass meeting this evening at Makae island.

The band plays at Thomas Square this evening and tomorrow evening at Makae island.

Company B, N.G.H. meet this evening to elect a successor to Capt. Cottrell, resigned.

The 2nd battalion N.G.H. major Camara in command will drill this evening on the parade grounds.

The Salvation army will move into their old quarters on the corner of King and Nuuanu on November 1st.

Fred D. Smith, Deputy clerk of the Circuit Court has handed in his resignation to take place on November 20th.

Ex-police officer Haarahan, formerly of Scotland Yard, London, leaves by the O. S. S. Queen today for the coast.

Judge Humphreys has ordered Hefferman committed to await the action of the grand jury with bond fixed at \$1000.

Justice Galbraith of the Supreme Court leaves for the mainland for a short vacation, returning in time for the December term.

The U. S. Conemagu arrived yesterday evening from San Francisco after a voyage of 11 days. She has animals for Maui.

The numbering of houses to expedite a mail delivery commenced this morning. A small fee is charged by the contractor.

Kilikina K. Kelikuala, a leper, has petitioned for a divorce from her husband Jas. M. Kelikuala on the grounds of failure to provide maintenance.

In the case of the Ookala plantation vs. John Wilson the Supreme Court has affirmed the judgement of the lower court in favor of defendant.

The 7th annual report of the Hawaiian Historical Society has been published containing an interesting paper by Hon. M. M. Sewall on the partition of Samoa.

E. H. F. Wolters has satisfied the judgment in the suit brought against him by Keshemakai Nahoiwas by paying to S. K. Ka-ne the sum of \$1,310.55.

The attorney general has suggested that in future a difference in treatment and garb should be made between misdemeanants and those convicted of infamous crimes.

The Elite opens its new parlors tomorrow evening with an invitation to the friends and patrons of Hart & Co are invited to attend. The outparlors will be closed for the day.

The report of the master in chancery to examine the accounts of the trustees of the estate of H. A. Wisemann was confirmed yesterday by Judge Humphreys and the accounts were approved.

Treasurer Giffard gives notice that the books of the Waimanalo Sugar company will be closed from Oct. 30th to the 31st inclusive. H. M. Whitney Jr, gives the same notice in regard to the Olowalu company.

The band will play at the departure of the O. S. S. Queen this afternoon. Captain Kelly has made himself very popular, and his many friends hope that he and his handsome and commodious vessel will again visit this port.

A big fair and luau will be given in Hilo on Dec. 22 for the purchase of a new organ for the Hail Church. Extensive preparations have already been made under the management of the following ladies: Mrs. J. Nawahi, Mrs. Jas. Campbell and Mrs. J. L. Richardson.

An inventory of the estate of John Umf, late of Waianae, Oahu, has been filed in the Circuit Court by C. J. Holt, temporary administrator. It shows personalty valued at \$1,095.60. Mr. Holt was appointed guardian of Umililili (k) and Kailaa (k) by Judge Humphreys yesterday morning, his bond being fixed at \$500.

In the case of R. R. Hinds vs. N. C. Wilfong, Tax Assessor, the Supreme Court holds that where the valuation placed on property for taxation by the Tax Appeal Court is fair and just on appeal by the Tax Assessor cannot lie. The matter arose in connection with the Hawaii plantation.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Robert Wilcox harangued a large number of Hawaiian dock laborers at Brewer's wharf at noon to-day. He was received with great enthusiasm and his speech was applauded frequently. Of course the boys had just had their dinner and every diversion was welcome to them. The most enthusiastic in the audience were those who wore the "small-px" ribbon of the Republicans.

Cecil Brown, Sam. Parker and C. B. Wilson are across the Pali, following up Prince David and party.

McClanahan, John Wise and Kaloa left by the Kinau to-day for Hilo, where McClanahan and party will address the people.

The meeting held at Waialua by the Democrats on Sunday night was largely attended. It is noticeable that police officers wanted to disperse the meeting, because it was Sunday. The addresses were made on the premises of Queen Liliuokalani, and the officers, who probably were obeying "secret" instructions from the High Sheriff were not obeyed in their outrageous demand that the people should go home.

To-night there will be a big Democratic meeting at Waialae when a number of the best orators of the party will make addresses. There will also be a meeting at Makee Island under the auspices of the Young Men's Republican Club the members of which are evidently familiar with the erotic characteristics of the picturesque island—after dark.

Betting is very lively now and many wagers were made yesterday odds being given on Wilcox against Parker. Even bets are made on Wilcox vs. David, and two bets were taken with odds on David vs. Parker. Achi, it is stated made a considerable bet on himself receiving the highest vote on the Senatorial ticket. It would not be to the credit of Oahu voters, if he did win the bet.

The tricks which we hear will be used on election by the Republicans are very ingenious, but will hardly work. Even if the Republican party has hired a few political ward healers for \$250 down and "\$250 if we win," they must not think that the Independents and Democrats don't know Hawaiian politics when they run across it.

A splendid meeting was held last evening by the Democrats at Honoukaha. Over one thousand people were present and in spite of the inclement weather they listened with rapture to the eloquent words of the orators who occupied the stand from 7 to 10:30 p. m. Colonel McCarthy presided in his usual ablemanner and Mr. Bush and Mr. Wise acted as interpreters.

Samuel Kaloa was the first speaker and was applauded especially when he denounced the political career of the Republicans' delegate. He was followed by Mr. J. O. Carter who received an ovation upon his appearance. He made a forcible address and when he in closing, pointed to the yellow ribbons with the noble motto of Kamehameha, worn by hirelings of the P. G. government, he said with scorn: Those royal words mean, "in righteousness is the life of the land," but I tell you that the motto now reads "righteousness of the land is lost." Several true Hawaiians who had been persuaded to wear the ribbon—perhaps for a consideration—shrank into the dark and put the yellow ribbon into their pockets.

Speeches were made by John Wise, S. K. Kaili and D. L. Kalawaia candidates for representatives from Kauai, by John Wise and J. E. Bush.

E. C. Macfarlane delivered a magnificent speech couched in the most eloquent words. He scored the trio known as Wilcox, Markham and Boyd to the delight of the audience and in the course of his speech he referred to J. O. Carter in the following words:

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an elected or not, but I want to show you that it would be an act of base ingratitude for J. O. Carter, who has been your loyal and steadfast friend, to fail of an election at your hands. He has been your best friend. I want to say to you that the present election is fraught with the most important and vital questions affecting the welfare of the Hawaiians. If you would have tried and trusted friends in the next legislature to work for your interests then you must see to it that Mr. Carter is elected by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. McClanahan was the last speaker. He made one of the eloquent appeals to the Hawaiians which has created for him an unprecedented popularity for a comparatively mahini. He showed to the audience the falsehood of those who wish them to believe that the Hawaiians can ever be classified with negroes of the South who come from a slave race, which was a slave race within half a century. He reminded them of the fact that the man who compares the free-born Hawaiian race to the negroes is a man who sprang from the slave race. He referred in eloquent words to the illiteracy of the negroes and the high literary standing of the Hawaiians. Mr. McClanahan was as usual listened to with the greatest attention, and when he closed he was greeted with a deafening applause.

During the evening sweet music was discoursed at intervals by the Quiette Club.

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The Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Aldrich versus Hassinger, and the heirs of Martha C. Swinton receive the property which has been in litigation for about ten years.

Judge Humphreys yesterday sustained the demurrer of the defendant in C. B. Wilson vs. Liliuokalani, to the bill of complaint. The demurrer was sustained on the ground that it was not stated in Wilson's complaint that the promises set forth as made by the Queen had been performed. Five days were given to amend the bill. A. Lewis represented the plaintiff and A. G. M. Robertson the defendant.

On account of the elections the steamers Kinau and Maui will sail on the 7th instead of the 6th.

The report of J. A. Thompson as master in chancery to examine the accounts of Helen A. Holt, administratrix of the estate of James R. Holt, was confirmed by Judge Humphreys and Mrs. Holt's accounts were allowed. The account showed receipts of \$21,139.61 and expenditures of \$21,378.55. The master's report shows that two errors exist in the accounts whereby the estate owes Mrs. Holt 80 cents. There are still outstanding liabilities of \$9,138.33 including a mortgage for \$5,000, another of \$3,000 on the Holt building and claims of small amounts.

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The Massacre at Blagovestchensk
Says the Nagasaki Press of the
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The news of the massacre at Blagovestchensk of a large body of Chinese residents, the details of which were published in these columns a fortnight ago, is now fully confirmed by M. M. Collin and Tytgat, two Belgian journalists who arrived here from Vladivostok by the Daphne on Thursday last. These gentlemen are on their way to North China in the interests of several of the most important Belgian newspapers, and will probably leave here by the French transport Nive, due to sail to-morrow for Taku. They travelled east by the Trans-Siberian railway, and arrived at Blagovestchensk on the 26th August, five weeks after the occurrence of the terrible tragedy, which Mr. Collin informs us took several days to enact. During his stay at Blagovestchensk he had ample time to inquire into the circumstances attending the massacre, and though the details necessarily differ, the indisputable fact remains that all the Chinese inhabitants of the town were ruthlessly murdered.

M. Collin learned that on the receipt of the news of the trouble in Fientsin, the Chinese residents of Blagovestchensk, who numbered at that time about 6,000 souls, began to leave the town. To stop the exodus, M. Batarvitch, the Chief of Police, proceeded to Aigun, and informed the Chinese Commandant there that whatever happened, the Chinese in Blagovestchensk would be protected, and that there was no need for them to leave the town. A proclamation was also issued to this effect and was the means of arresting the exodus, though it is computed that about 1,000 Chinese managed to escape into Chinese territory.

On the 14th July the Chinese suddenly opened fire on Blagovestchensk which was continued intermittently for 18 days. On the 17th July M. Batarvitch received a message from General Gripsky, who is said to have been in the neighborhood of Aigun at the time. The message was, of course, in the Russian language, but the literal translation into English was, "Do Chinese Amur." The Chief of Police failing to understand the message asked for an explanation, but as answer received the curt reply, "Obej orders." The Chinese were then collected from their houses, and escorted by their Cossack guards seven versts from the city. After being robbed they were driven into the river, and to expedite their drowning many of the unfortunate victims were tied together by their queues. The same scenes were enacted the following day, and out of the large Chinese population, computed at nearly 5000, only some 50 or 60 managed to elude their captors and this they did by hiding themselves in the cellars of houses, where they remained several days without food. The victims' houses were afterwards looted by the Cossacks.

M. Collin says that no secrecy is maintained about the horrible affair, and that it is a matter of common talk all along the banks of the Amur.

M. Collin also states that Blagovestchensk was not the only town in which Chinese were made the victims of Cossack brutality. All the Chinese town and villages along the Amur have been destroyed and the inhabitants put to the sword. Aigun, a town of 20,000 inhabitants, has been razed to the ground. The greater portion of the Chinese effected their escape before the bombardment commenced, but those who remained behind were slaughtered. At Mocho, a Chinese village containing 2000 persons, and lying between Pacrovka and Blagovestchensk, no one was spared, though the Chinese guard, numbering 300 troops with two antiquated cannon, threw down their arms and asked for quarter.

Mr. Collin has taken a series of photographs illustrating the journey down the Amur, not the least in-

teresting of which are several showing the desolation that exists at Aigun, at one time a thrifty and populous city extending for nearly 7 kilometers along the Amur, and not a house in which has been left standing.

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